Dear Robert,

I have to thank you for a parcel of papers by U.S. box, 12 papers, & 1 do. by post, ~~last~~ the 7 yesterday. Mary received the parcel on Thursday, with a letter, a Sovereign & a parcel for J. Trimble. I received your letter the same day, & have laid it some place where I cannot find it. In reference to it I suppose you would receive along with the abstract of the act, the numbers of the periodicals which you wrote about, & I particularized. – I hear nothing more of the business that I mentioned in my last; but the report is current. Our mutual acquaintances are silent on the subject. – It strikes me, that when the agreement was entered into, report said, that a bond was given not to set up opposition within twenty miles. – I am confident, that the Journal was not quite correct in reporting the disfranchisement business here; but the Herald is far wrong indeed. – If you took your information from the Patriot, & it is the work of their new Editor & reporter, I would not value his reporting abilities highly. I was not in court; but I think that it is not difficult to understand the business. As it is a matter of some importance I have given you a short account of what ~~I understand to be~~ is a true version of it as far as it goes, & perhaps you would not wish me to go farther into it. – We have letters from John acquainting us with his determination to go to London, as you lately mentioned. – His aunt was very well; Mr. Forrest not very well.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

~~In our paper of the 13~~ Our last contained an account of the proceedings in the Revising Barrister's Court at Carlisle, which it appears is incorrect in various particulars. To understand the business, it is necessary to recollect that the Reform act directs the Overseers to fix the lists of voters on or near the ~~several~~ doors of all the Churches & chapels in their several parishes & townships, or if there be no Church or Chapel therein, then to be fixed up in some public & conspicuous situation within the same respectively." Now the ~~Parish~~ Nave of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Carlisle, is the Church of the Parish of St. Mary, & consequently extraparochial, or in other words not in the Parish. The lists of the ~~lists for the~~ Townships in St. Mary's Parish were, as heretofore, placed on the door of the Parish Church, in addition to which the lists for Fisher St. ~~to~~ Rickergate, and Caldewgate were placed ~~out~~ in public & conspicuous situations; therefore these three passed, & the other three townships were disfranchised.

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

Mr Robert Abraham
Post Office
Whitehaven

Friday

Dear Robert,

I thought it better to advise you that Forsters' bank here stopped payment this morning, without any premonition that I have heard of — The (false) report was that the house on which they drew had stopped — A public meeting was held this afternoon, at which it was stated, that the failure was not occasioned by any disturbance of the mon=etary system; but were from private circumstances; & that, therefore, the credit of the ~~[illegible]~~ remaining bankers remained as before. Some people remained to sign a declaration, that they would take the notes of the other banks as usual, and some went away to use their discretion.

It will be a severe blow, such numbers of people having their savings with them.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

Report says that a gentleman in the west celebrated for making a nice distinction between Hawk and Oak, has 11.000 in.

My dear Brother,

I sent you a shirt and the guardian monday, but I was so poorly at the time, that I was not able to write. I am now however getting better fast, and I hope soon to be well. I am nearly out of money. I have not time to add any more as it is time for the post.

I am your affectionate sister
Mary Abraham

Dear Robert,

Mary duly received your letter with the enclosure of Five Guineas; for which we thank you; & I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of a parcel of papers by Mr. Carruthers. — We have heard twice from John within a Week or two. He has nothing particular; but he writes in good spirits. — We have been rather expecting you, from what I understood that you had written to B. Simpson. — Thomas Carrick & family go on Monday (tomorrow) to Newcastle; for some time.

My Garden looks very well, but we have not eaten either green peas, or early potatoes yet. — The Oxalis crenata is up, but I understand nothing about it.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Mr Robert Abraham
Herald Office
Whitehaven.

Mr Robert Abbott
Carlisle Post Office
Cumberland

Dear Robert,

Your enclosure for J. Ross the week before last, & your letter & enclosures last week came safe to hand. I shall look after the ass. – Mary will send the book tomorrow. Margaret came home yesterday having been two weeks absent. – We are in usual health, & I hope that you keep clear of the prevailing cold.

Margaret went over to Penrith from Barrow mill, & saw her Aunt Robinson, who appears by her account to be much in her usual way. Her Aunt tells her that Mr Blaymire, the Solicitor for Rumney's assignees, declines paying ~~paying~~ Mr Rumney's legacy to Mrs Forrest, to Wood; on the ground that Mrs F. not being prepared of it, she could not leave it. And that Mr B. further says, it must be divided among the sisters living, to the exclusion of the children of those that are dead. Mr B. should know; but I knew the other day a considerable

(according to their parents, there)
sum divided amongst the Brothers & Sisters, & the the Nephews & Nieces
of an intestate. Bleecymie wants to have the money taken out of his
hands. - It may be worth making some inquiry, though it maybe
a troublesome job to make any thing of it; if B. should raise the
difficulties which he may raise

Yours affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham -

The letters from B.S. are
favourable. He wants Spittal
as a farm, & a residence higher &
drier than Caldergate. I apprehend his brother Jim would take
it yesterday. - I think you can get better advice on the money
matter than I can.

Dear Robert,

I have to thank you for your note of last week, and a Standard. I believe that the word, which I read "not", is intended for just. I sometimes amuse myself with thinking what a puzzle one of your letters will make 150 years hence. – I have got the fishing act. Set in the type in which the Abbey Holme agricultural report was composed last week, it will occupy 5.7 ~~pages~~ columns of the herald, without the marginal index. With it, printed on the left hand side of the commencement of each paragraph, to save margin, in the old fashioned manner, it will occupy a page. Printed neatly with breadth of margin occupied by the index, much more. An intelligible abridgement might be made [illegible] occupy perhaps 1/4 of the space. George Ralph's copy of the act is almost in pieces, & will require very careful handling to return it tolerably decently. – You will determine what you will have done in the matter. – John Cockburn will return me the Chambers Journal, & I shall send it & the rest. John arrived here on the Wednesday night. I did not hear of any difficulty about his luggage. Mary came home on Friday. I was very poorly all last week. I am now better, only that I am weak, and much pained with the rheumatism. – The report is a sad report indeed, as far as I read; but I soon tired. Perhaps it would not be necessary to notice, in detail, that part of the act which relates to Scotland. We have most beautiful weather for the harvest. Much Wheat about here is secured. – In court, at the Assizes, I met with a Mr. Brooks, reporting. He told me that he had a letter from you a few days before, & that he had lived two years in Whitehaven. I understand that he is employed on the Patriot. – I never see the Patriot, but I hear that it is sillier than ever.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

8/30/35.

Mr Robert Abraham

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Herald Office

Whitehaven

Dear Robert,

B. S. has sent several letters here, (many) the last rec.d to day is dated Torquay - (a place near Torbay). I have not yet seen this letter; the other letters ~~last~~ were written with evident affectation of great spirits, and now I understand, that he describes himself as greatly better. On being settled at Torquay he is to have a seton put in his right side. - J. Ross seems much improved by his jaunt. Mary rec.d on Saturday, her letter & Ashendean - I think that I did not mention the last time I wrote a letter for -, Kirkcaldy, rec.d the Tuesday before.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham -

We have not yet had a letter from John.

A Newspaper - office - newspaper was rec.d from him the Tuesday or else Wednesday after he left here, But where it had been posted Mary could not tell, nor could I, as she had destroyed the cover -

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

Dear Robert,

I think that I should not write this week, so little alteration has taken place in the market, but that I wrote to consult you on our intended removal. I do not know whether you entered into any engagement with T. Carrick respecting his house; & therefore I am not aware whether our taking another would cause him any disappointment. I understand that there is little expectation to be formed of the people going out of it. I am led to suppose that we might obtain the ~~rooms~~ house above A. Cockburn's shop for about nine pounds a year free of taxes & rates. The present tenant, Clayton, pays Ten pounds. Its inconveniences are many, being all up stairs, & through a narrow passage from the street & as Mary could not well have her school in it, that circumstance would be an additional lent of £ 3.5.0. Still the lent & taxes would be admitted about £ 4.10.0. I should prefer T. Carrick's house a great deal, though the rooms I understand are very inferior. But upon the whole, I think that it would be advisable to see after A. C's. if it can be done with propriety. T. Carrick says, that he is determined to eject the tenant; but he may not succeed, & if the tenant should be obstinate a considerable time will elapse at any rate.

I forgot to tell you last week, that you were wrong about "Base tenures". The statute of "Wards & liveries" (which is the statute of Chas. II. to which you allude) left such tenures just as it found them. The operation of the statute was confined to tenures of the higer order, which it relieved from the feudal incidents.

You will see in the Gazette, that the partnership betwixt J. Carrick & Co. is

disposed. He [illegible] he told me, £1000 in the concern at
Interest, & for 7 years I think he said; but I would not be certain either of the money
or the time. He says that he has lost £1600, but he hardly regards the loss, he
feels so delighted with getting out of a concern which kept in continual misery.

I am,
Your affectionate Father
Thos. Abraham.

T. Carrick has just called. He
says you had better arrange to get your
Tobacco from Penrith, as it is an
additional expence to come by
Carlisle. He means to write to you
this week, but has nothing material
to communicate.

Dear Robert,

My not furnishing the evidence for the Plaintiff, in Perry v Newton, could scarcely be a greater disappointment to you than it was to me – but I could not do it – it was physically impossible. You were sufficiently explicit in describing what you wanted, & I took the notes of the evidence in full. And when I sat down on Thursday morning to write them out, I did not anticipate, that any disappointment would ensue. It was unfortunate, that the cause should come on so late, & finish so late – past 8 P.M. In addition to the fatigue occasioned by 3 days close attendance I had contracted the ~~th~~ rheumatism in my back, I suppose ~~by~~ from a dampness in the court wall, & what with that and other things, joined to the time & exhaustion in alternately reading my notes & then writing them out, by the time that I concluded the case for the defendants, I was quite exhausted. – I could have commenced again on Sunday, but I could not have made any useful progress in time for the ~~coach~~ mail of that day, ~~or~~ nor much for the coach of next morning. As for sending by the mail of Monday, such a thought never entered into my head. – I have no notes of the Judge's charge which would be of any use to Mr. Perry. It soon became too dark, for where I sat, to see to write, and I had no candle sufficiently near to be of use. – I thought Alexander did not sufficiently examine the housekeeper to the possibility of the document being placed above the bed by a stranger without her knowledge. And I thought, that the Judge was wrong in charging the Jury to find for the Defendants, unless they were satisfied, that the will was a forgery. It seemed to me, that they should have found for the Plaintiff unless they were satisfied that it was not a forgery.

I took your letter last week to B.S. He has kept his bed nearly a fortnight – ever since he was so thoughtless as to make ~~any~~ an excursion to Lisle –

bleeding, I understand, has abated, with a trifling exception yesterday, for two days. It commenced about a month after his return from Edinburgh. It strikes me that there is little hope in the case. If you should write to him do not mention Mrs Ross' death, he does not know of the circumstance. My body but his medical attendants & his own family see him. — By this time you will have heard of Steele having bought the Journal. — You would be sorry to see James Ross' loss.

The blue party I doubt are hurting their cause, by bringing Mr James forward. The yellows will know how to take advantage of it.

I have not yet been able to meet with Mr Ednunson — Margaret went yesterday to Evemyth —

Your affectionate father
Thomas Abraham

Dear Robert,

I have rec.d all the money excepting £1..1..4 from J. Cockburn & £15..2..3/9, from J. Thompson's papers. — Sep 2 I rec.d, by the parcel, the Standard of the day before. Then the N.W.D — ~~On the 12th~~ yesterday 10 Sns by post. To day by post 12 papers — For all which I am obliged. — Two fatal cases of Cholera took place last week, Ja.s Ross's father being one. — R. Dixon died of his old complaint, — inflamation of the wind pipe — I conversed with him a little after 3 on Tuesday afternoon in the market place — he was dead 1/4 before 1 next morning. A very near relation — a Son I believe, — of the Edmund Nevall, whom in your obituary of week before last, wishes to gain information respecting his property — It is just possible that you may be able to advise respecting the name of the Executor, Administrator, or Trustee. This is a favourable day — The wheat has I am told has done little here.

My dear Brother

I will send your flannel by next

Your affectionate Son

I paid Mr Ross £4. I had a letter from Dr Thomas Abraham — caster last week. They were all, praise well, and my cousin had returned from Edinburgh. I am, your affectionate sister

M. Abraham

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

I am very glad to hear, that you are all well. You do not say, who is to be Mr. English's partner. Do I read you right? "Tom did it (the rheumatism) much good, by rubbing with a liniment." — I have discovered how Jno comes to be used as a contraction for "John" — I held John was often spelled Jnoh. Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.